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REMARKS

Claims 1-14 were pending in the patent application. The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-4 and 6-11, 13 and 14 under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by Angle; and, has indicated that Claims 5 and 12 are allowable, but are objected to as depending from a rejected base claim.

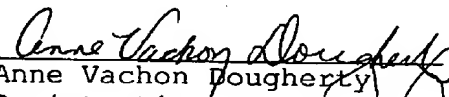
Applicants have amended Claims 5 and 12 into independent format including all of the limitations of the claims from which they previously depended. Claims 1, 4, and 8 have been canceled. The language of each of Claims 2, 3, 6, 7, 9-11 and 13-14 has been amended to properly depend from an allowable claim. Applicants believe that the amendments place all remaining claims in condition for allowance

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and allowance of the claims.

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